

role in this endeavor, helping private landowners properly manage their forestlands through technical assistance, educational programs, and voluntary incentives. Working in partnership, government, industry, and private citizens are making progress in the vital task of preserving the health of America's forests and woodlands while providing essential products to the American people.

To recognize the importance of our forests in ensuring the long-term welfare of our Nation, the Congress, by Public Law 86-753 (36 U.S.C. 163), has designated the week beginning on the third Sunday in October of each year as "National Forest Products Week" and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this week.

Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim October 18 through October 24, 1998, as National Forest Products Week. I call upon all Americans to observe this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this sixteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-third.

William J. Clinton

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NOTE: This proclamation will be published in the *Federal Register* in October 20.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

October 12

In the afternoon, the President traveled to New York City, and in the evening, he returned to Washington, DC, arriving after midnight.

October 13

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Silver Spring, MD, and later, he returned to Washington, DC.

October 14

The President announced his intention to nominate John C. Truesdale to be a member of the National Labor Relations Board.

The President declared a major disaster in Missouri and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding on October 4-11.

The President declared a major disaster in Kansas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, and tornadoes on October 1-8.

October 15

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Wye Mills, MD. In the evening, he held separate meetings with Chairman Yasser Arafat of the Palestinian Authority and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu of Israel in the Commons Room at the Wye River Conference Center.

Later, the President hosted a dinner for the leaders and their delegation in the Carmichael House at the conference center. In the late evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

October 16

In the morning, the President traveled to Chicago, IL, and in the evening, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President declared a major disaster in Washington State and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by a landslide in Kelso on March 6 and continuing.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted October 14

John C. Truesdale, of Maryland, to be a member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of 5 years expiring August 27, 2003, vice William B. Gould IV, resigned.

Transcript of a press briefing by Chief of Staff Erskine Bowles, Deputy Chief of Staff John Podesta, Office of Management and Budget Director Jack Lew, and National Economic Council Director Gene Sperling on the budget agreement

**Checklist
of White House Press Releases**

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released October 10

Transcript of remarks by Chief of Staff Erskine Bowles on the budget

Released October 13

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Joe Lockhart

Transcript of a press briefing by National Security Adviser Samuel Berger on the situation in Kosovo

Released October 14

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Joe Lockhart

Transcript of a press briefing by Education Secretary Richard Riley and Associate Attorney General Ray Fisher on the White House Conference on School Safety: Causes and Prevention of Youth Violence

Released October 15

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Joe Lockhart and State Department Spokesman James Rubin on the Wye River Conference on the Middle East

Transcript of remarks by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu of Israel

Transcript of remarks by Chairman Yasser Arafat of the Palestinian Authority

**Acts Approved
by the President**

Approved October 12

H.J. Res. 131 / Public Law 105-253
Waiving certain enrollment requirements for the remainder of the One Hundred Fifth Congress with respect to any bill or joint resolution making general or continuing appropriations for fiscal year 1999

H.J. Res. 134 / Public Law 105-254
Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1999, and for other purposes

Approved October 14

H.R. 3007 / Public Law 105-255
Commission on the Advancement of Women and Minorities in Science, Engineering, and Technology Development Act

H.R. 4068 / Public Law 105-256
To make certain technical corrections in laws relating to Native Americans, and for other purposes

H.J. Res. 135 / Public Law 105-257
Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1999, and for other purposes

S. 414 / Public Law 105-258
Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1998

Approved October 15

H.R. 4658 / Public Law 105-259
To extend the date by which an automated entry-exit control system must be developed